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Art Unit 1645  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/786,533  
ABUNDANT EXTRACELLULAR PRODUCTS AND METHODS FOR  
THEIR PRODUCTION AND USE  
Our Docket No. 510030-143

Dear Supervisor Caputa:

The undersigned would like to take this opportunity to thank the Supervisor for his courtesy in calling to determine whether we had received the Decision on our Petition under 37 CFR § 1.181 To Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment on the above-referenced file. We also wish to thank the Supervisor for faxing this office a copy of the Decision on Petition.

The Petitioner asserts that the copy of the Decision on Petition faxed August 12, 1999 was the first notice received by this office. Moreover, the Petitioner wishes to inform the Supervisor that this office has not received the associate Office Action.

Therefore, Petitioner respectfully requests that in light of the above facts that a new copy of the Office Action be mailed to this office and that the shortened statutory period to respond be extended from August 12, 1999, the date of receipt of the facsimile copy of the March 31, 1999 correspondence within which to respond.

In support of this request the Petitioner submits the following facts:

- On June 18, 1998 this office filed a Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment -- Office Action Not Received wherein it is stated that the Office Action was never received by us.
- On March 4, 1999 a Status Inquiry was filed with the PTO regarding this matter.
- On March 8, 1999 Robert J. Hill, Jr. of the PTO responded informing us that a decision on our Status Inquiry would be mailed within a week or two.
- On June 3, 1999 another Status Inquiry was mailed to the PTO stating that as of that date we had still not received a decision regarding the Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment.

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Had we received the March 31, 1999 correspondence granting the petition we would not have sent a second Status Inquiry dated June 1, 1999. It was not until August 12, 1999 when we received a facsimile copy of the March 31, 1999 correspondence that we became aware that the petition was granted in this matter.

To help avoid future confusion the Petitioner respectfully requests that the mailing address on this file be changed according to the information below:

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Best regards,

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